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Online Certification
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to relax the process of film certification to allow film makers apply and get certificate online, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has constituted a committee in January, 2016 to recommend guidelines/procedure for Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) with respect to certification of films;

(c) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the recommendations made by the committee; and

(e) the time by which the major recommendations made by the committee are likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]:

(a) The Government is in the process of implementation of a Plan Scheme which aims at making the entire certification process of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) online. On completion of the project, the complete end to end process from application to issue of certificate will be online. On-line certification process would ensure a user friendly as well as transparent atmosphere. Online process would also ensure effective monitoring and timely delivery of service.

(b) The Government constituted a Committee of Experts under the chairmanship of Shri Shyam Benegal to recommend broad guidelines / procedure which will set principles to guide the Board with respect to certification of films.

(c) The Committee submitted major part of its report on 26th April, 2016.

(d) The Government is presently examining the recommendations. The Committee has also sought time for submission of its recommendations on certain other issues.

(e) A holistic view would need to be taken on all the recommendations which is likely to take some time.

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